

because of all of the blind curves. Enforcement was for the most part inadequate.

Beachwood Drive---It had very heavy car traffic and many, many pedestrians-- all in the street. Several times during the day I saw unmarked oversize vans carrying groups of people up the street. I had to call parking enforcement several times just about cars parked illegally in front of my house. In the midst of gusty winds we had to tell people to put out their cigarettes. In an earlier email we had been told by LAFD that the fire danger was low with recent rains. That didn't help the situation a few hours later when a dangerous fire broke out and closed the 101 in Ventura. Of course we didn't have 50 mile per hour winds, but on the other hand we did have significant gusts with people smoking just feet away from homes. The end of Beachwood at Hollyridge was gridlocked as a line of cars waited to turn around at the park entrance. If anyone needed to get up there in an emergency, they would have had much difficulty and delay. Lower Beachwood was filled with parked cars and I experienced delay there because the street is so narrow and people were looking for parking places and trying to park. After dark dozens of visitors walked down in the street.

TODAY, Saturday afternoon, what I witnessed was even worse everywhere because **the crowds were even larger** except at dirt Mulholland where a DOT officer was stationed so I saw no cars blocking that area. What was going on past the blockades I do not know since additional enforcement is needed there to prevent the frequent trespassing and smoking. I did not check on Westshire. As for Deronda, the barricades were up, but at the other end by Rockliff were several cars illegally parked by no parking signs. The view site was a horrible mess. A ranger sat in his car by the park. People were now climbing across the street, trying to get over fences. We got caught up in gridlock on Canyon Lake Drive. I saw two LAPD officers watching the crowds and chaos. As for Beachwood, it had an unbelievable number of cars gridlocking the end and a constant stream of pedestrians walking in the streets--so many, that at times they were preventing vehicular traffic. At the end of the day when it was dark after 5, they kept coming and illegally parking. My husband is always afraid when he sees me getting car info and the driver is around. As he says "we don't know where they live, but they know where we live." He is afraid of retaliation. And he's right, because right now we have to do a lot of our own enforcement. We should not have to live like this.

Again, if you think this is an enforcement problem, you need dozens of people up here to do it properly. It's what would be required at any other amusement park or they would be shut down for unsafe conditions by the authorities. And in addition so much of what is dangerous here, you cannot ticket. Thousands of pedestrians in public streets is not safe, and smoking all over this entire neighborhood is a huge problem. The only solution therefore is to shut this all down. Why do you insist on keeping this open? Please give me an answer to what everyone including the enforcement people up here keep asking. I have yet to get an answer that makes any sense. The longer you keep this all open, the worse it gets.. This is the opposite of safety being the priority that you promised us.

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